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Remarks

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application.

Claims 17 and 32 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter but they are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 15, 16, and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,618,388 issued to Yip et al. on September 9, 2003.

Claims 1-14, 28-31 and 33-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,807,172 issued to Levenson et al. on October 19, 2004 in view of Yip et al.

Each of the various rejections and objections are overcome by amendments that are made to the specification, drawing, and/or claims, as well as, or in the alternative, by various arguments that are presented.